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Detectives seek assistance in Theft from Elderly case

Case: 10-5022952

Date: April 25, 2010 to May 9, 2010

Suspect: Douglas E. Carpenter, White male, (D.O. B. 10-16-1960)

Narrative:

On May 5, 2010, a theft case was reported to the Austin Police department on behalf of an 82 year old elderly victim. The victim hired Douglas E. Carpenter, "a tree man" to remove a tree in her back yard. The victim's power of attorney looked into the victim's account and saw that she had written numerous checks to Carpenter from February 25, 2010 to April 3, 2010 totaling \$10,974.00.

The victim hired Carpenter to remove trees and mow the grass. During that time she had to hire an additional person to cut the grass since Carpenter was not cutting the grass as originally planned.

It is possible Carpenter threatened the victim. She said she was afraid and she had asked to borrow money to pay Carpenter. He told the victim that the checks she wrote him were no good and she needed to pay him the money she owed him.

Carpenter has been charged with Theft from Elderly, a 3rd Degree Felony. Detectives believe that there may be other (elderly) victims. If you are a victim please make a police report by calling 512-974-5750.

If anyone has information regarding this case call 512-974-5579. If you know the whereabouts of Carpenter please call 911 or Crime Stoppers at 472-TIPS or text "Tip 103" + your message to CRIMES. You may be eligible for a cash reward of up to \$1,000 if your tip leads to an arrest or charges being filed.

Media Advisory: A booking photo of Carpenter from a previous arrest is attached.

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